

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

May 2013 – Week 3

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TITLE: BUFFALO GALLANTRY

MAY 1870 AND A SHORT SOLDIER STANDS TALL IN TEXAS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 20, 1870. FORT MCKAVETT. A BLACK FORMER SHARECROPPER BARELY BIGGER THAN 5 FOOT TALL, EMANUEL STANCE IS AN UNLIKELY SOLDIER. BUT WITH A FIERCE ATTITUDE AND THE ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE, STANCE RISES TO SERGEANT AND IS GIVEN COMMAND.

TODAY, STANCE AND HIS FELLOW BUFFALO SOLDIERS RIDE OUT TO FIND A BAND OF APACHES WHO STOLE SOME HORSES AND CAPTURED TWO LOCAL FARMBOYS.

NEAR KICKAPOO SPRINGS, THEY FIND THE INDIANS AND OPEN FIRE. AFTER A SHORT BATTLE, STANCE SAVES ONE BOY AND DOESN'T LOSE A MAN.

A MONTH LATER, STANCE BECOMES THE FIRST BUFFALO SOLDIER AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

SERGEANT STANCE RODE TO GLORY, 143 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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